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SUBJECT: CHIAO KUAN-HUA MEETING WITH CODEL HECKLER

SUMMARY: DURING TWO HOUR DECEMBER 31 MEETING WITH CODEL HECKLER, PRC FOREIGN MINISTER CHIAO KUAN-HUA DISCUSSED CHINESE VIEWS ON THE PROSPECTS FOR WAR AND THE SOVIET THREAT TO THE WORLD IN FAIRLY STANDARD TERMS. HE VOICED SUPPORT FOR US EFFORTS TO COUNTER SOVIET INVOLVEMENT IN ANGOLA AND URGED US ALLIES TO SPEND MORE ON DEFENSE. HE REITERATED PRC SUPPORT FOR THE PLO, BUT AFFIRMED CHINESE RESPECT FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE AND AVOIDED TAKING A POSITION ON A PALESTINIAN-ISRAELI SETTLEMENT. HE SAID CONDITIONS ARE NOT RIPE FOR WORKING OUT A REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES AGREEMENT UNTIL AFTER NORMALIZATION BUT HE DID ACCEPT LETTERS ON SPECIFIC CASES FROM ONE CONGRESSWOMAN'S CONSTITUENTS. END SUMMARY.

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2. THREAT OF WAR. MOST OF CHIAO'S COMMENTS ON THE SUBJECT OF WAR

WERE STANDARD, HE DID SAY, HOWEVER, THAT CHINA DID NOT NECESSARILY EXPECT WAR TO BREAK OUT WITHIN "THREE OR FIVE YEARS" BUT THAT IT WOULD DEFINITELY OCCUR IF THE SOVIETS CONTINUE PRESENT TREND OF SEEKING HEGEMONY. HE ALSO SAID CHINESE WERE "THINKING OVER" WHETHER THE PREDICTED WAR WOULD BE FOUGHT WITH NUCLEAR OR CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS.

3. ANGOLA. CHIAO MENTIONED ANGOLA AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE SOVIETS TRYING TO "SNEAK IN WHEREEVER POSSIBLE". HE CLAIMED THAT THE PRC HAD SUPPORTED ALL THREE FACTIONS THERE BEFORE INDEPENDENCE, BUT HAD CEASED GIVING ASSISTANCE AFTER THE CONFLICT BROKE OUT AND NOW SUPPORTED A UNITED GOVERNMENT. HE ACCUSED THE SOVIETS OF BEING THE "ARCH CRIMINAL OF THE ANGOLA WAR" AND, WHILE OPPOSING SOUTH AFRICAN INTERVENTION, ARGUED THAT SOVIETS HAD CREATED THE EXCUSE FOR SOUTH AFRICA'S ACTIONS. ON THE US ROLE, CHIAO SAID THE US OPPOSED SOVIET INTERFERENCE, AND "CHINA SUPPORTS THIS POSITION." HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT WHAT THE US SHOULD DO ABOUT ANGOLA WAS A US "INTERNAL QUESTION" (SIC) AND HE WOULD NOT COMMENT ON THAT.

4. REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES. CHIAO ANSWERED A QUERY ON THE POSSIBILITY OF A REUNIFICATION OF FAMILIES AGREEMENT BETWEEN CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES BY SAYING "THE CONDITIONS TO FULFILL THAT AIM AT PRESENT DO NOT EXIST" BUT WHEN NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS COME "THEN WE CAN SIT DOWN TO WORK IT OUT."

5. RELATIONS WITH US. CHIAO SAID SINO-US RELATIONS COULD BE IMPROVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE AND REPEATED THE PRC'S STANDARD THREE POINTS FOR NORMALIZATION. HE SAID THE US GOVERNMENT FELT IT DIFFICULT TO IMPLEMENT THESE THREE PRINCIPLES AT PRESENT SO "WE CAN WAIT." (AT THE WELCOME BANQUET FOR THE CODEL, THEIR FOREIGN AFFAIRS INSTITUTE HOST SAID THE OUTCOME OF PRESIDENT FORD'S VISIT "SHOWS THAT THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, AS THE BASIS OF SINO-US RELATIONS, REMAINS FULL OF VITALITY TODAY" AND THAT THE TWO COUNTRIES "SHARE MUCH COMMON LANGUAGE WITH REGARD TO THE CRUCIAL QUESTION OF DEALING WITH THE "SOCIALIST" TITLED IMPERIALIST POWER SEEKING HEGEMONY")

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